

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 0718

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, IR, MR  
SUBJ: VISIT OF MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FURING BRIEF VISIT HERE, MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS CONFERRED WITH THE SHAH AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER KHALATBARY ON JANUARY 12, DELIVERING A MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH AND GIVING A BRIEFING ON  
THE SITUATION IN NORTHWESTERN AFRICA. ACCORDING TO MFA DEPART-  
MENT HEAD, MOUKNASS TRANSMITTED A REQUEST FOR ARMS ASSISTANCE  
TO WHICH HE GOT A NON-COMMITTAL REACTION. GOI'S VIEW IN  
THIS, AS IN SEVERAL OTHER CASES INVOLVING REQUEST FOR ASSIS-  
TANCE FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES, IS THAT IRANIANS ARE WILLING TO  
EXPRESS SUPPORT AGAINST TROUBLE-MAKING BY THE SOVIETS  
DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OTHERS, BUT PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE DE-  
PENDS MORE ON USG ATTITUDE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, SINCE  
MANY ARMS IRANIANS COULD PROVIDE WOULD REQUIRE THIRD PARTY  
TRANSFER CONCURRENCE FROM USG.

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2. WHILE CHARACTERIZING POLISARIO PROBLEM AS ENTIRELY THE  
WORK OF THE ALGERIANS, MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD MADE IT CLEAR  
GOI HAS NOT BEEN GALVANIZED TO DO ANYTHING IN RESPONSE TO  
THIS MAURITANIAN REQUEST. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY  
ROUTINELY "ACCEPTED" INVITATION TO VISIT MAURITANIA IN  
THE UNDETERMINED FUTURE, BUT ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT HEAD  
HE HAS MADE NO SPECIFIC PLANS TO INCLUDE SUCH A STOPOVER

IN CONNECTION WITH A TRIP TO RABAT WHICH IS LIKE TO TAKE  
PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.  
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